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SOUTHEAST ASIA  
(SUMMARY)**

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Date: 8/12/70

Transmit the following in POW/mia  
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Via \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
 FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (100-373) -P-  
 COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
 FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
 IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
 IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT  
 (OO:New York)

Re Richmond airtel to the Bureau, 7/27/70.

Enclosed for Miami are two copies of Richmond airtel to the Bureau, 7/27/70, setting forth name of [redacted] for interview in captioned matter.

Mr. [redacted] USAF Intelligence, Ft. Belvoir, Va., advised SA [redacted] on 8/12/70, that current address for Mrs. [redacted] is [redacted] Florida. She is the wife of [redacted] (USAF - POW).

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MIAMI

AT [redacted] FLA.

Will interview Mrs. [redacted] at above address in accordance with existing instructions in this case.

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- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Miami (RM) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
- 1 - Richmond (100-11215) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Alexandria [redacted] (9)

Approved: [redacted] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

E.O. 12812-2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, ANCHORAGE (100-2513)(RUC)

DATE: 8/10/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70, and  
Anchorage letter to Bureau dated 7/20/70.

On 8/3/70 [REDACTED] Deputy J-2, Alaskan Command, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, advised that all military services in the State of Alaska have been canvassed and it has been determined that there are no listings available with any military service in Alaska concerning the location of released Vietnam POW's or concerning the location of relatives of POW's in Vietnam.

On 8/10/70 Mrs. [REDACTED] the "Anchorage Times", 820 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, a newspaper of general distribution published at Anchorage, Alaska, advised that she does not clip national news items unless a resident of Alaska is involved. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has no record of any press releases concerning COLIFAM.

The Anchorage Division has no organized Communist or related activity and no Security Informants.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
- 1 - Anchorage

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-2745) (P)

DATE: 8/10/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN  
NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISC; REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: New York

7-2393-9003  
E.O. 12812  
Powlmia

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding above captioned group. Enclosed for New York are three (3) copies and for San Francisco one (1) copy of said LHM.

A copy of this communication is being designated for San Francisco for their information concerning MADELINE DUCKLES and MAE ROSE EVANS.

Indices of the Sacramento Division are negative regarding captioned group and also regarding Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Contact with Office of Special Investigations and the 115th M.I. Group at Sacramento, California, has indicated that these intelligence agencies are without record concerning captioned group and/or individuals in the area in which they cover who might have been contacted by this group.

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- ① destroyed
- ② - Bureau (Enc. [REDACTED]) (RM)
- 3 - New York (100-168469) (Encs. 3) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Sacramento

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RAC (EO, OMI, OSI, JBT)

DATE FORW: 8/21/70

HOW FORW: R/S

BY [REDACTED]

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The names furnished by Mrs. [REDACTED] as people who have to her knowledge been contacted by COLIFAM are:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California

(Mrs. [REDACTED] indicates Mrs. [REDACTED] would be extremely hostile if interviewed, that she despises the United States and has indicated that she will move to Spain in order that she might be able to deal directly with the Vietnamese to try and obtain her husband's [REDACTED] release.)

[REDACTED]  
Lives on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California

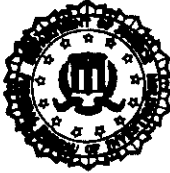
(Mrs. [REDACTED] indicated Mrs. [REDACTED] would be receptive to an interview.)

E.O. 12812-2  
Mrs. [REDACTED] has indicated that she has never had personal contact with anyone from the COLIFAM; however, she has spoken on the phone with MADELINE DUCKLES and with BARBARA WEBSTER. She indicated that she has gotten on a first name basis with BARBARA WEBSTER and that she would be willing to accept any instructions concerning the cementing of this relationship.

LEAD

SACRAMENTO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] in regard to COLIFAM and submit results promptly to New York.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Sacramento, California

August 10, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

The following are the results of an interview  
with Mrs. [REDACTED]

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7-23-93 9803 [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/10/70 *b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California, advised that she was contacted first by the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) when she received a letter confirming the forwarding of her husband's letter which was picked up by a member of the Committee while this member was in Vietnam and brought back with other prisoners of war letters. She stated that the confirming letter was her first indication that COLIFAM existed and that since that time she has dealt with the Committee only through the mail and infrequently on the telephone.

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has spoken to Mrs. VINCENT (MADELINE) DUCKLES, 51 Eucalyptus, Berkeley, California, 94705, whom she knows has been to Hanoi with CORA WEISS in December, 1969. She spoke with Mrs. DUCKLES thanking her for bringing her husband's letter back and advised that she was able to contact her through one CHARITY HIRSH, Women's Strike For Peace, 415-L 6-8953. Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that she belongs to the National League of Families of American Prisoners Missing in Southeast Asia which is headquartered at 1 Constitution Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C., and that she was talking to a MAE ROSE EVANS from Alameda, California, in November, 1969, who was the Northern California coordinator for this league. She stated that she did recall that this conversation was concerning a peace group going to Hanoi and whether she would want to send a letter to her husband with this group. She was told that she should pass the word and was given MADELINE DUCKLES' address as the place where one should send these letters.

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On 8/6/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SC 100-2745  
by SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 8/10/70



*E.O. 12812-2*  
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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has forwarded one package to her husband and that she sent it to the post office in Jamaica, Long Island, New York, where she understands it is forwarded to Moscow and then to Hanoi. She advised that she received word via a letter from her husband that he received this package.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has never been told by letter or on the telephone the nature of the Committee's sources of information or contact, but she did provide copies of her correspondence with the Committee which are attached hereto.

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

## with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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\*staff

January 27, 1970

Dear [REDACTED],

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address, and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

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January, 1970

### INFORMATION SHEET

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#### Background

In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

#### Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Committee will be able to verify

requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

#### Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

#### Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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April 20, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]:

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Halliwell*  
Steven E. Halliwell

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**\*staff**

**From:** Rev. Richard Fernandez  
**To:** The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam  
**Re:** Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letter on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

NGU'U'I GU'I (Address)

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**SÖ LINK (Service number):**

**NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):**

**81A CHI (Address):**

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA  
VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**  
with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

*GÜ? (Address)*

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**HÀ CHỈ (Address):**

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHÚ CHÚ (N.B.):**

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3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this pattern.*)

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May 9, 1970

Committee of Liaison etc.  
305 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Re: Correspondence with prisoners

Dear Members;

First of all let me thank you for sending me my husband's letter of March 11, 1970. I have already thanked Mrs. Duckles for the letter in December which was the first indication I had that my husband was alive. However my husband's letters have been very depressing to me as they indicate that he has never been permitted to receive a letter from me and it seems doubtful that he has ever received one of his packages.

You have stated several times that the prisoners would be allowed to write one letter a month. My husband's letter received by me in December was dated November 29, 1969. The last letter I received was dated March 11, 1970. There are all the letters in between? I misunderstood and you meant that the families could write once a month that was no boon because we could always write once a month. The North Vietnamese are the controlling factor in this situation, therefore I shall conform to their requests and your suggestions.

In regards to Rev. Fernandez comments on other members of the family sending letters etc. If they are I do not know how they are managing on the packages as even if the authorized persons have a card to present to the Post Master. The Post Master does not accept packages otherwise. If anyone else besides me is attempting to correspond with my husband I do not know about it. I would hope that the North Vietnamese would see that my letters are the ones they accepted.

I am enclosing two letters to my husband for you to send. One is for April and one for May. I have written no others for these two months. I have approximately 20 wives watching the outcome of this attempt to get a message through to my husband.

With hope that you can achieve what I have not been able to do, I remain

Sincerely,

E.O. 12958-2

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[Redacted]  
California

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b2c  
Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

May 27, 1970

We will send your letters to your husband with a group of anti-war people who are going to North Vietnam in June.

It is true that the North Vietnamese told Cora Weiss in December that prisoners would be able to send, as well as receive, a letter a month. But it's also a fact that that has not happened so far. The increase in mail from the prisoners has been substantial - since December we have forwarded to families 801 letters & know of a total of 335 men who are confirmed to be prisoners.

Frankly we do not know if letters will start coming on a regular, monthly basis - but at least families are hearing, even if sporadically.

Barbara Webster

Sincerely,  
Barbara Webster

P.S. Please excuse the handwritten letter but our typewriter is not working.

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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*

Barbara Webster

June 20, 1970

Committee of Liaison  
365 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Barbara;

Thank you for sending my husband's letter on to me. This was the best letter from him that I have received. They have added another line to the form which gave me a few more precious words from him. The letter indicates that he has never received any of my letters however he did receive his glasses which I had mailed in his February package. This was joyful news and I only pray he received the vitamins and other things that I sent. I fear that his eyesight has been permanently damaged through lack of vitamins in the long two years when he was listed as missing in action. He only needed his glasses to read by before and never used them or exercise and now they seem very important to him.

I am enclosing another letter to him to be taken by the group you mentioned at the end of this month. I have passed this information along to some other wives who live in this area. I am hopeful that one of the ones that you have already sent will reach him.

Thank you also for your factual letter of May 22nd. I appreciated the answer. Would you also tell me if all the packets you send are hand carried? I mean by that, are they always taken by someone to Hawaii? Or are they mailed through International mail? How do the letters come from Hawaii? We are all very curious about this and the average length of time that it takes both ways? The via Moscow that you advise is totally wrong or so we have been told by the Post office. They said that International mail doesn't go that way and not to put it on the envelope or they might get lost. What do you know about that?

I and the other wives here would appreciate knowing the answers to these questions because our whole lives center around this hideous situation.

Sincerely,

E.O. 12958-2

[Redacted signature block] b2c  
California

enc.

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June 30, 1970

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[REDACTED]  
California  
Dear [REDACTED] b2c

Thank you for your letter of June 20th. We will be sending your letter on to your husband with the next group which goes to North Vietnam.

Even air mail letters take as long as two months to get to Hanoi so if we know that a group is planning to go there we hang on to the letters which we receive, and then send them with the group. From January through March no groups went so we mailed letters on through the international mail. Beginning in April there have been 4 groups who have gone, and in all cases taken letters with them. The next group will be in August and although there are no specific plans after that we are pretty sure there will be more going in the fall. So, basically we "play it by ear" and prefer to send letters with groups (it generally takes about a week from the U.S. to Hanoi), unless no one is going over for awhile.

Letters sent from Hanoi have also come both through the mail (there were 5 packages mailed between January 11 and March 16) and with returning groups. I imagine that as long as there is a fairly frequent flow of trips going and coming, the North Vietnamese will send letters that way rather than through the mails as well. The five packages that were sent through the mails took from two to four months to get here! So you can see why it is preferable to wait for groups to hand-carry the letters.

As far as the "via Moscow, USSR" routing goes -- the North Vietnamese have stressed that they want all mail to prisoners sent that way. As you too were told by the post office, that is not the routing they have been using. We informed the government that this was what the North Vietnamese wanted but since we have no control over the mail system that's as much as we could do. I don't see how a letter addressed with "via Moscow" on it could get lost -- rather, the post office people will just ignore it as long as it is not a specified route (for example, if I sent a letter to you and marked it "via Miami," obviously they would just disregard that and send it via Chicago or whatever the normal route is). So I guess what I am trying to say is that since the North Vietnamese have asked for that routing and presumably the worst that can happen is that the post office will ignore it, it is best for families to put it on 1) in the event the post office ever complies with their request and sets up a Moscow routing, and/or 2) to do what you can to follow the Vietnamese' request. ..It is indeed a confusing situation and I hope I haven't confused it even further.

Best wishes,

*Barbara*

Barbara Webster

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FBI  
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E.O. 12812

Date: 8/7/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (105-2693) (P)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO NY)

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ReNYairtel to Bu, 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an LHM in quintuplicate captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for New York.

On 7/22/70, attempt to contact Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] Texas by SA [redacted] reflected [redacted] were out of town attending a funeral and were not expected back for several days.

On 7/27/70, attempt to contact [redacted] at the above residence by SA [redacted] reflected both were out of town on vacation.

Periodic telephonic contacts were made with their residence until 8/5/70 at which time both were located and interviewed.

[redacted] were informed this investigation was requested by J. WALTER YEAGLEY, AAG, ISD, USDJ.

Deleted Copy Sent [redacted]  
By Letter Dated [redacted]  
Per FOIPA Request [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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HOUSTON:

AT [REDACTED] TEXAS

If not already done, will locate Mrs. [REDACTED] whose address is known to the Office of Personal Affairs, Ellington Air Force Base. She is the wife of Air Force [REDACTED] APOW who has been personally contacted by representatives of captioned organization. Interview her per instructions contained in reairtel.

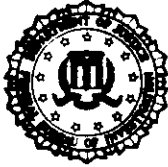
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Houston, Texas  
August 7, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

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On August 5, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] were interviewed at their residence, [REDACTED] Texas and the following information was obtained:

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7-2393-9803 [REDACTED]  
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Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed in the presence of his wife, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that his son, [REDACTED] entered the U.S. Air Force in April, 1964 following graduation from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Various phases of pilot training was afforded him within the U.S. and in [REDACTED] 1966 [REDACTED] was assigned to overseas duty in Vietnam. Several weeks thereafter, on [REDACTED] 1966 while on a combat mission over Lang Son Province, North Vietnam, [REDACTED] plane was shot down. (It is noted that [REDACTED] has been promoted to the rank of [REDACTED])

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that the Air Force notified him and his wife that their son was missing in action and no further information was received until two months later [REDACTED] (1966) when a newspaper article set forth that their son had signed a confession admitting various war crimes against the people of North Vietnam. This was the first indication to [REDACTED] that their son was alive.

In [REDACTED] 1967, the U.S. Air Force advised [REDACTED] they had verified the validity of their son's presence as a "detainee" in North Vietnam and that he was no longer being carried as "missing in action".

In July, 1967, the military service forwarded a small snapshot of their son which was taken at an undisclosed date, presumably while he was a prisoner in North Vietnam.

On April 30, 1969, a letter was received from [REDACTED] which letter appeared to be a form letter but did bear his signature. This letter was postmarked in Hanoi. Thereafter one or two other letters were received from [REDACTED] each written on a four lined sheet of paper and bearing postmarks from Hanoi as well as Berlin, Germany.

In late November, 1969, a telephone call was received by Mrs. [REDACTED] from a person identified as a newspaper reporter with one of the wire services calling from Dallas, Texas. This reporter indicated that a "committee" had apparently obtained

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On 8/5/70 at [REDACTED] Texas *b7c* File # HO 105-2693

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/6/70

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verification that certain American flyers were actually prisoners of war in North Vietnam and that the name of [REDACTED] has been verified as being such a prisoner. Mrs. [REDACTED] reportedly replied to this reporter that "This was not news" and upon further learning this committee was composed of people including DAVID DELLINGER and others, Mrs. [REDACTED] allegedly retorted that "DELLINGER does not represent the kind of America she believes in". This remark was subsequently quoted in various news releases and several servicemen stationed in North Vietnam sent her copies of "Stars and Stripes" newspaper wherein this quote appeared and the servicemen were "applauding" her attitude.

[REDACTED] On Christmas day, 1969, another letter was received from [REDACTED]

In mid-January, 1970, [REDACTED] received the first contact from the "committee of liaison with families of servicemen detained in North Vietnam" (COLIFAM). The first contact was on the letterhead of this organization and in the form of a news release bearing the caption "Communication with Captured Airmen Established By New Committee: Letters En Route Now". This letter advised that families were having mailed to them letters from their relatives who are prisoners in North Vietnam.

Another letter, dated January 27, 1970, and signed by MAGGIE GEDDES written on stationery containing the above named organization made reference to the fact that a letter should have been received from North Vietnam. (Mr. [REDACTED] assumed this was the letter received by them on Christmas day, 1969). Mr. [REDACTED] continued that the letter from GEDDES also contained an "information sheet" of two pages containing background information on the above captioned organization.

Another form letter dated March 9, 1970 from the above organization and addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]" advised that word had been received from Hanoi that a letter from [REDACTED] had been mailed from North Vietnam and is expected to arrive in the next week or so. This letter was signed CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER.

No further contact was had and the above referred to letter was not received until in May, 1970 at which time it was enclosed in another letter bearing the letterhead of captioned organization and signed by BARBARA WEBSTER and MAGGIE GEDDES.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised the above letter was in an envelope postmarked from San Francisco, California and bearing the return address

Re 157-1000

of AFSA - 164 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Another form letter was received from this group dated May 4, 1970 and in the form of a memorandum from Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ.

Two other form letters, one dated June 14, 1970 and the other June 26, 1970 both signed by BARBARA WEBSTER were received from this group and both enclosed a four line letter from their son, [REDACTED]. This last letter was received on about July 4, 1970.

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Mr. [REDACTED] advised that neither he nor his wife have corresponded with the captioned group nor have they received any other contact from anyone representing this organization other than through the above described form letters.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he and his wife are acquainted with a Mrs. [REDACTED] who is the wife of an airforce [REDACTED] from Texas. [REDACTED] address is not known and her telephone number is unlisted, however, she can be contacted through the Personal Affairs Office, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston. Mrs. [REDACTED] has reportedly stated that she has been contacted personally by several individuals purporting to be members of the captioned group. Further details of this contact are unknown to Mr. [REDACTED].

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would be willing to testify to the above information in a court of law but that he has no personal knowledge of the [REDACTED] is required that his son is no longer a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

Mr. [REDACTED] furnished copies of the above form letters and from captioned organization and made copies of these form letters, the originals being returned to Mr. [REDACTED] and copies of this correspondence are as follows:

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LETTERS EN ROUTE NOW

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\*Stacy Halliwell  
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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cors Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Ben Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

## Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 60 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a cochairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 365 W. 42nd St., Mrs. Weiss said.

## Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

As told to The New York Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founder said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee, with that.

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mr. Weiss said, Hanoi will respect by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed.

She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive a letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in the country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

from San Diego Union, 1/19/70

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January 27, 1970

Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

#### Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify



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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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b2c  
March 9, 1970  
Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

We have just received word from Hanoi that a letter from James E. Ray to you has been mailed from North Vietnam and is expected to arrive here shortly, perhaps in the next week or two. As soon as it arrives, along with 86 others in the same package, we will send it to you immediately. Please forgive the mimeographed letter but we wanted you to know right away, particularly the large number of families for whom this will be the first letter.

As a result of arrangements made with the North Vietnamese, mail from captured pilots will be sent to this office in bundles for remailing to families. The Committee of Liaison, which includes members of various anti-war organizations, also forwards letters to captured pilots, although families are able to send letters, once per month, and a package, of six pounds or less every other month, directly. Both letters and packages should be addressed to:

Name of serviceman, serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured  
in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

We understand that three more packages of mail are on their way and as has been announced by the postmaster general of Hanoi, in all, 318 letters are expected in this period. Since December we have forwarded 266 letters; and as of this mailing we have official confirmation of 219 servicemen held by the North Vietnamese.

We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us if you have any questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam; to bring an end to the fighting, killing and capturing and to hasten the day when all families will be reunited, American and Vietnamese.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss, Dave Dellinger  
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Dear Mr & Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c

We're very happy to forward this letter to you which just arrived from North Vietnam along with 80 others.

We know it's been a long time since you were informed that this letter was en route, but it's a long trip and we too are delighted that they've arrived.

Subj. requested

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes*

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for the Committee of Liaison

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COLIAFAM

May 4, 1970

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Thea Taylor  
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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez  
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed  
prisoners held in North Vietnam  
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

Richard Fernandez memo - page 2

families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifying some aspects of communication

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June 14, 1970

Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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Dear friend:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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b7c EOD 812-2

August 12, 1970

Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

Director, FBI

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

b2c [REDACTED] Reference is made to my letter of July 30, 1970,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for your information is a  
copy of the transcript of hearings before the Subcommittee  
on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments  
of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives,  
entitled "American Prisoners of War in Southeast Asia, 1970."

Enclosure

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NOTE:

COLIFAM was established in January, 1970, by  
individuals connected with the New Mobilization Committee  
to End the War in Vietnam (NMC). To date COLIFAM has  
released the names of 335 individuals which the North Vietnamese  
say are prisoners of war. Various individuals connected with  
NMC have transported letters between prisoners of war and  
their families in the United States. At the request of  
the Department we are conducting a Registration Act investigation  
regarding this organization to determine if individuals  
connected therewith have incurred the obligation to register  
as Foreign Agents. Referenced Bureau letter advised the  
Department that as soon as a copy of the transcript  
referred to above was available, it would be furnished to  
the Department.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-66674) (P)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
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VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
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Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70; report  
of SA [redacted] dated 6/9/70 at San Diego; Los Angeles  
letter to Bureau dated 7/13/70; and Cleveland letter to New  
York dated 8/3/70 (IO).

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a  
LHM. Two (2) copies of the LHM are enclosed for New York.

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

Source One [redacted]

Source Two (S) [redacted]

Source Three (S) [redacted]

in Legat, London, letter and LHM  
to Bureau dated 5/15/63 captioned [redacted]

Legat, Paris letter and LHM to Bureau  
dated 5/19/69 captioned [redacted]

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Source Four

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in Legat, Ottawa letter to Bureau dated 9/9/69 with enclosure dated 9/3/69 captioned "WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE, VISIT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND NORTH VIETNAMESE WOMEN TO CANADA, 7/69".

b2c  
Mrs. [redacted] stated she is willing to make the correspondence mentioned in LHM available for reproduction if requested to do so.

OSI, 19th District, and 115th MI Group, contacted on 7/1/70, had no pertinent information regarding this investigation.

E.O. 12812-2  
[redacted] NISO, 12th Naval District, advised on 8/5/70 that Mrs. [redacted] California, a sister of Prisoner of War [redacted] of Hayward, California, has received correspondence from COLIFAM.

The enclosed LHM is classified secret inasmuch as information received from Sources Two and Four was so classified.

LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO

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AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA: Will contact Mrs. [redacted] regarding her knowledge of COLIFAM.

It is noted that in accordance with lead set forth in referenced Cleveland letter, Mrs. [redacted] California, is also being contacted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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August 11, 1970

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

A characterization of David Dellinger, mentioned in the following interview, is contained in the characterization of "Liberation" magazine which is contained in the appendix hereto. In addition, on February 18, 1970, David Dellinger was found guilty in the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. On February 20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000. On February 28, 1970, the U. S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, ordered them released on \$25,000 bond each pending appeals of their convictions.

Reverend Richard Fernandez, mentioned in the following interview, is Organization Director of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, a group opposed to the war in Vietnam.

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Date 8/3/70

Mr. [REDACTED] her husband and [REDACTED] in the United States Navy, has been a prisoner of North Vietnam, since [REDACTED] 1967. His capture was confirmed in [REDACTED] 1967, at a press conference held in Hanoi. His photograph also appeared in an issue of "Life" magazine on United States prisoners of North Vietnam. b7c

In June, 1967, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a letter on the letterhead of "Liberation" magazine signed by DAVID DELLINGER, Editor. Enclosed was a letter from [REDACTED] b6  
[REDACTED] DELLINGER said he obtained the letter during a recent visit he made to Hanoi and was pleased to be of assistance in forwarding it to its destination.

On May 2, 1968, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a second letter on the "Liberation" letterhead signed by DELLINGER. Enclosed was a letter from [REDACTED]. Again DELLINGER said he was happy to assist in forwarding a letter that had been given to him in Hanoi. b2

On May 4, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] received her first letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. It was signed by Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ. This was a form letter sent to families of 335 "presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam". The letter set forth a list of rules established by North Vietnam for relatives to follow in corresponding with the prisoners.

On May 22, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a second letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. This letter was a reply to an inquiry initiated by Mrs. [REDACTED]. The letter was signed by BARBARA WELCH, Secretary, advising that the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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On 7/24/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SF 100-66674

SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/29/70

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[REDACTED] *b7c*  
[REDACTED] *b7c*  
recently received 156 letters from prisoners but none were from [REDACTED]. This is the last correspondence Mrs. [REDACTED] received from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. [REDACTED] *b7c* stated that none of the letters received from "Liberation" magazine or the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam contained any requests or suggestion that Mrs. [REDACTED] *b7c* engage in any type of anti-war activity.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c  
California, advised that she never received any correspondence from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

E.O. 12812-2  
Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c related that she learned one MADELINE DUCKLES representing "Women For Peace" was giving a talk on January 9, 1970, at a church in Berkeley, California, regarding her trip to Hanoi in December, 1969. Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c attended the talk and afterwards ascertained from DUCKLES that she possessed no information regarding Mrs. [REDACTED] husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her husband, a [REDACTED] in the United States Navy, was reportedly a prisoner of war in Laos.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c advised that DUCKLES telephoned her in May, 1970, to relate that ~~KEN KIRKPATRICK~~, American Friends Service Committee, 814 Northeast 40th Street, Seattle, Washington, was planning a trip to Hanoi and would deliver any mail received by him prior to June 6, 1970. Mrs. [REDACTED] wrote a letter to her husband and sent it to Mr. KIRKPATRICK with instructions to deliver it to the missionary in Laos.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she had no further contact with DUCKLES and did not know if DUCKLES was connected with the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/29/70

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COLIFAM

On May 11, 1962, Source One made available information revealing that Madeline Duckles, 51 Eucalyptus Path, Berkeley, California, was a co-chairman of Women For Peace (WFP), Berkeley. *member*

[REDACTED] *b1*

*U.S.R.*

The January 7, 1967, issue of the "People's World" (PW) in an article entitled, "A Look At World Peace Forces" reported in part that Madeline Duckles, an active member of WFP, went to the Soviet Union in September, 1966. *Canada* From there, she went to Sweden to attend an International Conference on the Welfare of Children and as a result was invited to speak at peace meetings in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, West Germany and England. According to the article, the conference also gave her an opportunity to meet with representatives of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front (NLF) and peace leaders from many African, Asian, and Latin American countries. The article further stated that attending the Helsinki World Peace Congress in 1965 gave Duckles a basis for judging new trends and viewpoints among the world peace forces.

The PW is a west coast communist newspaper.

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COLIFAM

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The July 11, 1969, issue of "Vancouver Province," a Vancouver newspaper, reported that when American, Vietnamese and Canadian delegates congregated at Totem Park, University of British Columbia, for a two-day VOW conference, the voices of two women would highlight the event. One of these women was described as Madeline Duckles, mother of five sons and foster mother of a Vietnamese child. The article also described the Committee of Responsibility as an organization to save injured Vietnamese children.

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WOMEN FOR PEACE aka  
Women Strike for Peace

The "Berkeley Daily Gazette," a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Berkeley, California, contained an article in the November 19, 1965, evening edition reflecting that in November, 1961, when concern mounted over radioactive fallout from nuclear testing, a group of women in Washington, D. C. started Women Strike for Peace. The idea spread rapidly throughout the country and now embraces 900 groups, including Women For Peace groups in the San Francisco Bay area.

These groups support programs to achieve goals such as:

- (1) Continued disarmament negotiations.
- (2) A strong and flexible United Nations.
- (3) Planning now at state and national levels for conversion to peace-time economy and positive efforts to ease world tensions.

The women act as individuals and as a group, with specific actions suggested by individuals and groups from all over the world. Decision to participate jointly on any given suggestion is democratically arrived at by members of the Coordinating Committee. Effective cooperation with other peace groups is encouraged. Monthly Coordinating Committee meetings and general meetings, as warranted, are open to all and announced in mailings to members. There are no dues or membership forms nor conditions for membership.

To stir an awareness of the need for peace, Women For Peace encourage public education in peace objectives at local schools and sponsor peace-oriented demonstrations and public meetings, newspaper ads, billboards, and candidates for public office. On the national level the group attempts to influence government officials by letters and conferences.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
California, advised that on July 31, 1970, she received a letter from KEN KIRKPATRICK, American Friends Service Committee, 814 Northeast 40th Street, Seattle, Washington, relating that he was unable to deliver the enclosed letter.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the enclosed letter was the letter she wrote to her husband, [REDACTED] in the United States Navy reportedly a prisoner of war in Laos, which she sent to KIRKPATRICK prior to June 6, 1970, after learning from MADELINE DUCKLES that KIRKPATRICK was planning a trip to Hanoi and would deliver any mail received by him prior to June 6, 1970.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

California, was contacted at her residence and was exceedingly reluctant to cooperate in any manner. She stated that she felt the publishing of names and addresses of North Vietnamese prisoners in newspapers was a big mistake. She reluctantly advised that she had been contacted only by mail, that there had been no harassment, that she had received no personal objects but had received some mail, and that the organization had made no representations as to its source of information or contacts. She stated that she knew of no other families approached in a similar manner.

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LIBERATION MAGAZINE

"Liberation" Magazine (LM) is self described as an independent monthly with offices at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. A "Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation" was published in the November, 1968, issue. It listed the Publisher and Editor of the magazine as Dave Dellinger. The circulation was given as 10,000.

The following comments appeared in a leaflet distributed by LM in May, 1968:

"Since its inception in 1956, Liberation has played an active and creative role in the growth of the new radicalism in the United States. From civil rights to black liberation, from 'ban the bomb' to the movement to end the war in Vietnam, Liberation has been vital. Its radical critique of American society and its emphasis on democratic and direct action against the inequalities and injustice of our present social structure have inspired radicals, young and old.

"In addition, Liberation will continue to carry articles and discussions written by and to community organizers, student and non-student activists, educators, economists and social scientists - of interest to anybody concerned with building a radical and nonviolent movement that will bring a fundamental change to the existing order."

On May 14, 1963, a source advised that during a speech in New York, New York, on May 10, 1963, Dave Dellinger identified himself as a pacifist. He stated it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which was capitalism. He advocated a communist society and said, "I am a communist" but further stated he was not a Soviet type communist.

APPENDIX

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WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, aka  
World Council of Peace

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Page 179, contains the following citation regarding the World Peace Council, aka World Council of Peace:

Cited as having been formed at the conclusion of the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw and which was heralded by the Moscow radio as "the expression of the determination of the peoples to take into their own hands the struggle for peace."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 378 on the Communist Peace Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 38.)

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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San Francisco, California

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Title COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Character

Reference San Francisco memorandum dated  
and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN ANTONIO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/17/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/29/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
7-23-93 1980 POW/MIA E.O. 12812		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-MISC REGISTRATION ACT	

REFERENCE: New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70.

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## LEADS

## DENVER

AT [REDACTED] COLORADO: Will interview [REDACTED] wife of prisoner of war [REDACTED] regarding any contact she may have had with the subject organization.

## PORTLAND

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Will interview [REDACTED] natural mother of [REDACTED]

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APPROVED [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT  
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[REDACTED] *b7c* to ascertain if she has been  
contacted by subject committee.

SAN ANTONIO

*b7c*  
AT [REDACTED] TEXAS: Will interview other  
dependents of prisoners of war in [REDACTED] area.

EXTREME DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DURING THE  
COURSE OF SUCH INTERVIEWS. ADVISE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED  
THAT IT IS AT THE DIRECTION OF J. WALTER YEAGLEY, ASSISTANT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL. DETERMINE ALSO IF THE INDIVIDUAL  
INTERVIEWED WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE SHOULD THEIR  
TESTIMONY BE NEEDED AT A LATER TIME. INTERVIEW SHOULD  
BE SET FORTH ON FD-302.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

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Report of:

Date:

8/17/70

Office: San Antonio, Texas

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAN)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

Synopsis:

of POW [REDACTED] Texas, father advised that he has received correspondence from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. He said that he has on a number of occasions received letters from his POW son through this organization. He stated however that he has not corresponded or contacted this organization. He also advised that he received one letter from TOM HAYDEN, which enclosed a letter from POW son. Interview of [REDACTED] and copies of letters from TOM HAYDEN and Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam set forth.

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Date

[REDACTED] Texas, was contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] and furnished the following information: b2c

[REDACTED] advised that he is the father of [REDACTED] who has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since [REDACTED] 1965. [REDACTED] commented that he has received a number of letters from his son since he was taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese. He added that during the past year, these letters have been forwarded to him by the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. b2c

[REDACTED] remarked that whenever he receives a letter from his son in North Vietnam, he immediately contacts Lieutenant Colonel ARCHIE W. GRATCH, Directorate of Personnel Services, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and apprises him of the information contained in these letters. He stated that Colonel GRATCH has indicated that he prefers that the families of the prisoners of war held in North Vietnam work through the U.S. Military Services and not with the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. b2c

[REDACTED] advised that for this reason he had not corresponded or had any contact with this committee of liaison. He further advised that he has never been personally contacted by any member of the Committee of Liaison. He stated that during 1970, he has received four letters from the Committee of Liaison, enclosing letters from his prisoner of war son. He reflected that on one occasion, the Committee of Liaison asked him for contributions to support their work regarding the prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. b2c

[REDACTED] stated that his son's wife [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Colorado, and that his natural mother [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Oregon. [REDACTED] advised that he and his son's mother have been divorced for a number of years. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] b2c

On 7/29/70 at [REDACTED] TEXAS File # SA 100-11851  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/4/70 b2c

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he does not know whether his son's wife or mother received mail from him from Vietnam and further that he does not know if they have been contacted by the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. He said that all of the mail he receives is written to Mrs. [REDACTED]. He said that he reads the contents of these letters and then contacts his daughter-in-law, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] by telephone and relays the contents of the letters to her. b7c

[REDACTED] advised that a number of the letters he has received from the Committee of Liaison have been forwarded to Lieutenant Colonel ARCHIE W. GRATCH at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Mr. [REDACTED] made available copies of the following letters from TOM HAYDEN and the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, which he has received and currently has in his personal files:

*Det. approx. Oct. Nov 1968*

*E.O. 12812-2*

c/o Liberation  
Room 1025  
5 Beekman  
New York, NY

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] *b2c*

I am enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] which was given me by the North Vietnamese government while I was in Hanoi this October. I'm very sorry for the long delay in delivering it, but as you might know I was deeply involved in the release of the three US sergeants held prisoner in South Vietnam.

I didn't meet Robert Duchtry in the prison camp, but I have met several of the pilots held there. I have not read his letter to you, of course, but my impression is that the men are treated well and someday will be home again.

If you would like to talk with me about this matter, I would most certainly be happy to correspond or meet with you.

In recent months I was involved in quite hopeful talks with the North Vietnamese about the possible release of pilots. However, the increased bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong this fall probably ended any chance of this in the near future.

I hope that an early end to the war will bring Robert home to you.

Best,

*Tom Hayden*  
Tom Hayden

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January 27, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressee)**

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA  
VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

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with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

**GỬI (Addressee)**

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

**NGƯỜI NHẬN (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SỐ LĨNH (Service number):** \_\_\_\_\_

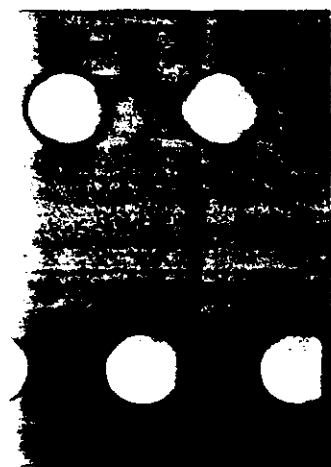
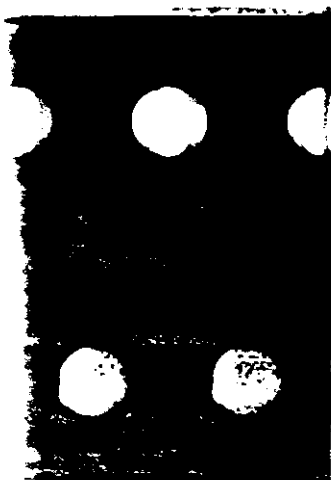
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in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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NGÀY VIẾT (Dated) _____

**CHÚ (N.B.).**

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# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

*with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam*

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212-765-1490

January, 1970

## INFORMATION SHEET

Co-chairmen:  
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### Background

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\*Maggie Geddes  
\*Steve Halliwell  
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Prof. Ben Seitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

### Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Committee will be able to verify



requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

#### Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

#### Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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~~Care Weiss~~

May 13, 1970

~~Treasurer:~~  
~~Mrs. Anne Bennett~~

Dear friend:

~~Committee:~~  
~~Richard J. Barnett~~  
~~Ronan Davis~~  
~~Madeline Dackles~~  
~~Prof. Richard Falk~~  
~~Rev. Richard Fernandez~~  
~~Norman Fruchter~~  
~~Maggie Geddes~~  
~~Steve Holliswell~~  
~~Prof. Donald Kelish~~  
~~Stewart Leachman~~  
~~Prof. Ben Seitzman~~  
~~Prof. Franz Schurmann~~  
~~Ethel Taylor~~  
~~Barbara Webster~~  
~~Trudy Young~~

Today we received two packages of letters which we have been expecting from prisoners held in North Vietnam. The total number of letters in both packages was 156. Although the packages were mailed a month apart, they both arrived here today.

We are very happy to send herewith the letter addressed to you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

\*staff

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\*staff

Dear friend:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

E.O. 12812-2

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-11851)

DATE: 6/18/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
 IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
 REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NY

Re New York airtel to the Bureau, 6/9/70, copies furnished to all offices setting forth numerous leads in an attempt to accomplish request by the Department pertaining to a Registration Act investigation.

For the information of the Bureau, at the regular Intelligence Conference with military intelligence representatives in the San Antonio Division held 6/16/70, this case was discussed with the military representatives present. They included representatives from the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

All of these representatives indicated that the various services on an SOG level have a centralized repository of information regarding prisoners of war. The Navy representative indicated that the Navy, in most cases, has a dossier on Navy prisoners and in some cases he knows that mail to and from the prisoners of war and their families has been monitored. The Air Force representative indicated that it was his understanding that the Air Force may have a computerized file with background information regarding the prisoner of war being held in Vietnam and his family.

It would appear to San Antonio that to conserve manpower and not cause additional investigative effort, that contact should be made with the various services on an SOG level to ascertain what information is available regarding prisoners of war being held in Vietnam.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (RM)
- 2 - Dallas (RM)
- 3 - San Antonio (2 - 100-11851)

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It is, therefore, recommended that contact be made through liaison with the three military services in Washington, D.C. regarding this matter.

In addition, on 6/16/70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in San Antonio, Texas, who is an SAC Contact, was contacted regarding this matter. b7c

[REDACTED] b7c stated that Mr. PEROT has an organization known as United We Stand in Dallas, Texas, [REDACTED] b7c

It was [REDACTED] b7c understanding that the United We Stand organization is in constant touch with American families who have relatives being held by the North Vietnamese. He stated that he knows, for example, that this organization attempts to assist these families when these families receive such things as harassing phone calls. San Antonio feels, therefore, that again in order to save the expenditure of manpower that [REDACTED] of b7c United We Stand might possess information that would assist in this investigation. There may be a reason, however, unknown to San Antonio, why [REDACTED] should not be interviewed. In the absence of any instructions from the Bureau, it is suggested that Dallas interview [REDACTED] regarding this investigation.

FBI

Date: 8/11/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

E.O. 12812 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12394)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-963) P

Reference is made to prior communications, particularly Kansas City airtel and LHM dated 8/22/70 to the Bureau, Philadelphia, New York and WFO.

Enclosed for recipients are indicated copies of self-explanatory LHM.

For the confidential information of recipients, a pretext telephone call was made 8/11/70 to the residence of subject LAWSON, 5600 Euclid, Kansas City, Missouri, referring to local publicity of LAWSON's proposed trip to Hanoi. A

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(1 100- ) (POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF TONY AVIRGAN, ETC.)  
 (1 100-457899) (COLIFAM)

3 New York

(1 100-170246) (POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF TONY AVIRGAN, ETC.)  
 (1 100-168469) (COLIFAM)

3 Philadelphia

(1 100- ) (PROPOSED TRAVEL OF TONY AVIRGAN, ETC. TO HANOI IN '70)

2 WFO (157-3257) (Enc. 2) (RM)

3 Kansas City (2 157-963)

(1 100-14050) (COLIFAM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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male voice answering the pretext call, apparently the voice of a young man, informed that LAWSON was out of the city but expected to return about 8/12 or 13/70; it was further stated that LAWSON was expected to be at his home in Kansas City the remainder of the week and it was the impression of the respondent that LAWSON would not leave Kansas City, as publicized, for Moscow until the last of the week or even possibly as late as 8/26/70.

Discreet spot checks will be made about 8/15/70 and possibly later to determine if LAWSON has actually left Kansas City for the proposed air travel from New York to Moscow.

LHM is classified confidential to protect sources of continuing value.

Sources

First source is [REDACTED] Passport Division, U. S. Clerk's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

Second source is [REDACTED] an established source.

Pretext call on 8/11/70 by SA [REDACTED] indicated an attorney was calling for his client who has a relative (U. S. prisoner) in North Vietnam, the call being based on publicity attending LAWSON's proposed travel to Hanoi.

LEADS:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY

1. Will discreetly endeavor through logical sources to identify the airlines (possibly Soviet) and itinerary to be used and followed by LAWSON, etc. from New York City to Moscow.

2. Will discreetly endeavor through logical sources to identify personages to accompany LAWSON, possibly about 8/15/70, from New York City to Moscow, apparently the first leg of air travel via Moscow to Hanoi.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

August 11, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

E.O. 12812-2  
b7c

[REDACTED]

12/11/1970

[REDACTED]

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, also informed on August 4, 1970, that Lawson had indicated he would depart Kansas City, Missouri, to emplane with an unidentified group of personages about August 15, 1970, from New York City to Moscow, USSR, thence apparently by an airline to Hanoi, North Vietnam.

Records of United Airlines and Trans World Airlines, the main airlines from Kansas City to New York City, were negative on August 5, 1970, as to any reservation by Lawson from Kansas City to New York City.

The attached copy of an article, dated August 7, 1970, in the "Kansas City Call", weekly Negro newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri, is self-explanatory as to Lawson's proposed travel to Hanoi via Moscow.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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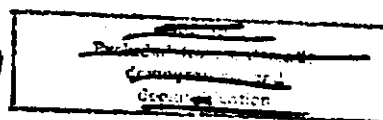
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Phil Lawson Will Take Letters From Home To Prisoners Of War On Forthcoming Trip To Hanoi

When the Rev. Phillip C. Lawson, Kansas City minister, goes on his forthcoming trip to Hanoi on a "Mission of Reconciliation," he will take with him letters, messages, peace organization with over 14,000 members, has its headquarters in Nyack, N.Y. It was to their families.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson, executive director of the Methodist Peace to North Vietnam, 1500 E. 18th Street, Kansas City, Mo., and pastor of the St. James United Methodist church, 2601 Spruce, is scheduled to leave about Saturday, August 15, for North Vietnam. He is one of several religious leaders invited to North Vietnam, but he is the first United Methodist minister. His trip to Hanoi has been endorsed by the administrative board of St. James church, and the board of directors of the Methodist Inner City Parish.

In an interview this week, the Rev. Mr. Lawson said that he is making the trip at the invitation of the North Vietnamese Peace committee and will represent several "peace" groups in the United States. He is scheduled to fly from New York to Moscow and then on to Hanoi. He expects to be in Hanoi for two or three of the weeks. The purpose of the trip is to visit prisoners of war being held by the North Vietnamese. Lawson said he would be carrying pictures and phonograph records typical of American life, as requested by the North Vietnamese, in the hope of building a bridge of understanding. He also has been assured freedom to photograph extensively there. "In order to return with hundreds of photographs taken during my visit and make myself available to groups seeking such understanding here," Lawson expressed particular interest in talking with people from 60 or more minorities represented in North Vietnam. "I will talk with religious leaders, both Catholic and Buddhist he said, 'as well as university people, youth and hopefully high officials of the North Vietnamese government.'

Kansas City families with other efforts, through government or brothers who are prisoners of war are invited by the Rev. Mr. Lawson to give him letters, family pictures or parcels to take to their loved ones.

Lawson said that he hopes to be permitted to have personal interviews with prisoners of war and will make a special effort to locate POW's from the Greater Kansas City area.

Lawson has been active in several peace movements since becoming a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1947 and will represent that movement and has, on occasion,

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 Kansas City Call

Kansas City, Mo.

Date: 8/7/70  
Edition: Weekly  
Author:  
Editor: Lucille Bluford  
Title:

Character:  
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Classification:  
Submitting Office: Kansas City  
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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

E.O. 12812-2-1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

~~Top Secret~~

8/14/70

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CLASS. & EXT. BY [REDACTED]  
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DATE OF REVIEW 8-14-70

TO SACS KANSAS CITY (PERSONAL ATTENTION)  
NEW YORK (PERSONAL ATTENTION)  
PHILADELPHIA (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

Per appropriate agency  
letter 12-19-79 190-4183-23

POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM BY ANTHONY AVIRGAN, PHIL  
LAWSON AND MARTHA WESTOVER, AUGUST NINETEEN SEVENTY, INTERNAL  
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[REDACTED] TS (S) b1  
KANSAS CITY VERIFY LAWSON'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK AND  
NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA TAKE STEPS TO VERIFY AVIRGAN'S  
AND WESTOVER'S TRAVEL. u

NOTE: b1  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

DATE: 8/17/70

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

OO: NEW YORK

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 7/13/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM;  
for New York three copies; and for Los Angeles two copies  
of LHM reflecting interview of Mrs. [REDACTED]  
North Dakota, on 8/5/70, and interview of Mrs. [REDACTED]  
South Dakota, on 7/21/70.

It was determined that Post Office Box [REDACTED] is  
assigned to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] North  
Dakota. There is no Mrs. [REDACTED] known  
to reside in the [REDACTED] area.

## LEADS

### LOS ANGELES

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

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Interview Mr. [REDACTED] and obtain [REDACTED] California address of  
[REDACTED] who according to [REDACTED] is a person  
who has been in contact with COLIFAM members, and will then  
interview [REDACTED]

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AGENCY: G-2, CH, OSI, [REDACTED] SER., STATE

CIA - [REDACTED]  
RAO (ISD, CPO, [REDACTED])

DATE FORW: 8/26/70

TO FORW: [REDACTED]

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MINNEAPOLIS

Will interview the following individuals pursuant to instructions set forth in relet:

AT [REDACTED] NORTH DAKOTA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AT [REDACTED] NORTH DAKOTA

Care of [REDACTED] residence

AT [REDACTED] NORTH DAKOTA

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

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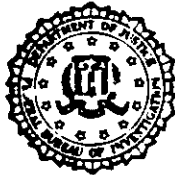
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AT [REDACTED] NORTH DAKOTA

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 17, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

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On August 5, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
North Dakota, was interviewed, the results of which follow.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/14/70

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] was advised that she was being interviewed concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIAFAM) at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General.

Mrs. [REDACTED] verified that [REDACTED] is presently detained in North Vietnam as a prisoner of war. She continued that in May, 1970, she received a form letter from COLIAFAM, and signed by CORA WEISS. The letter enclosed a letter from her son addressed to his wife. It was dated April 7, 1970. The letter was sent to their [REDACTED] address because their son did not know his wife's home address. Other letters have been received from their son, but these have all come through official Government channels. This is the only letter ever received from their son through COLIAFAM or any other non-Government agency. CORA WEISS of COLIAFAM did send one other form letter to [REDACTED] a few months prior to the one previously described. It basically set forth the organization's objectives, that being to provide liaison between prisoners of war in Vietnam and their families.

Mrs. [REDACTED] states she has not corresponded with COLIAFAM, nor have they ever sent her a personal letter. She has never been harassed or solicited by the organization, and assumes that they obtained her name from a published list. She feels that she should only correspond and deal with the Casualty Office of the U. S. Air Force regarding this matter. None of the COLIAFAM letters have ever made any statements concerning their source of information or contacts in North Vietnam.

Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she knows that her son's wife has received letters from COLIAFAM. She is Mrs. [REDACTED] California, [REDACTED] is a suburb of [REDACTED] California, where she is [REDACTED]. Her telephone is [REDACTED] is presently visiting with her father [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] North Dakota.

On 8/5/70 at [REDACTED] North Dakota File # Minneapolis 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/10/70

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The following individuals are believed to have received correspondence from COLIAFAM:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North Dakota

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All of these individuals are parents of prisoners of war, with the exception of [REDACTED] who is married to a prisoner of war.

Mrs. [REDACTED] made available a letter which she received from CORA WEISS of COLIAFAM dated May 11, 1970, which is as follows:



# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:  
COLIAFAM

Co-chairmen:

Dave Dellinger  
Cora Weiss

May 11, 1970

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee

Richard J. Barnett  
Rennie Davis  
Madeline Duckles  
Prof. Richard Falk  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
Norman Fruchter  
\*Maggie Geddes  
Steve Halliwell  
Prof. Donald Kalish  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Prof. Franz Schurmann  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young

\*staff

Dear friend:

A delegation of anti-war activists has just returned from a 10-day trip to Hanoi. Charlotte Bunche-Weeks, Jerry Schwinn, Frank Joyce and Elizabeth Martinez brought 47 letters from prisoners with them and we are very happy to forward yours today.

They also brought out additional suggestions for items which could be included in packages which we thought might be useful to you. Vitamins, minerals and protein are high on the list. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, body powder, foot powder, hard candies, coffee, sweeteners, tobacco, gum, instant breakfast, powdered sweet drinks, instant chocolate drink, tinned ham, peanut butter, cheese spreads, playing cards, travel chess-checkers sets, pipes, pipe cleaners. These are merely suggestions and packages, of course, are not limited to these items.

The arrival of this mail brings the number of letters from prisoners sent out since December to 861.

Sincerely,

Cora Weiss

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Mrs. [REDACTED] initialed the letter for purposes of future identification. She states that she has no other information concerning COLIAFAM at this time, but that she would have no objection to cooperating with authorities should her testimony be needed at a later date in this regard.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

E.O. 12812-2

On July 21, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] South Dakota, was interviewed,  
the results of which follow. b7c

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 31, 1970

*b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] South Dakota, was interviewed concerning her contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she is the wife of [REDACTED] a known prisoner of war of the war in Southeast Asia. She stated she was first contacted by MAGGIE GEDDES on January 27, 1970, who represented COLIFAM and used as a mailing address 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she was advised of the existence of COLIFAM by Mr. [REDACTED] California, who is her brother-in-law, and he [REDACTED] was contacted by Mrs. [REDACTED] the mother of a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, who has been in periodic contact with COLIFAM and was acquainted with their contact with the North Vietnamese. *b7c*

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In the first letter that Mrs. [REDACTED] received from COLIFAM, signed by MAGGIE GEDDES, the letter concerned the North Vietnamese mailing requirements for letters and packages going to prisoners of war. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has received two letters from her husband in the last eight months; one on Christmas, and the other in May, 1970. *b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she received a second letter from COLIFAM, signed CORA WEISS and DAVE DILLINGER, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, dated March 9, 1970, advising that a letter was being mailed from North Vietnam to her from her husband, along with 86 other letters addressed to other prisoner of war families. COLIFAM advised that three more packages of mail addressed to prisoner of war families were on their way, which included 318 letters. *b7c*

COLIFAM advised in this letter that 219 servicemen had already been confirmed by them with the North Vietnamese representatives as being alive.

A third communication was received from COLIFAM in the latter part of May, 1970, which was labeled, "Who We Are."

On 7/21/70 at [REDACTED] South Dakota File # NP 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 7/27/70

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The letter went on to say, "We firmly believe that return of these men and the half-million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard Naval vessels, who can also be viewed as prisoners of their own government, since many have been sent to fight in war against the dictates of their own conscience, can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. Government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this committee, will continue our efforts to create pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw. We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war; American Friends, American Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work."

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has not been contacted in person by any representatives of COLIFAM and has not written any letters to them and that she is not affiliated with them in any way; however, she is a member of the National League of Families of Prisoners of war and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, First Constitution Avenue Northeast, Washington, D.C. (IRIS R. POWERS, National Coordinator.)

*b7c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her brother-in-law, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] whom she does not know personally, who lives in [REDACTED] California (address can be obtained from [REDACTED] has been in contact with COLIFAM members.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] was asked if she would be willing to testify regarding her contacts with COLIFAM, and she advised that she would be willing to do so.

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
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REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO:NY)

Re NY airtel 6/9/70.

Sources and informants have no information concerning captioned organization in the St. Louis area or any contacts by such organization in this area.

These sources, including military, do not know of any families of servicemen living in St. Louis area, who have had any contacts with COLIFAM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 8/19/70

FROM : [REDACTED], MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: New York

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 7/13/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), including FD-302, reflecting interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] North Dakota, on 8/14/70.

Enclosed for New York and Sacramento are two copies each of the same LHM. Also enclosed for Sacramento are two copies each of referenced letter and confidential LHM enclosed with that letter.

Interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] while vacationing in North Dakota, reveals that the following acquaintances, all wives of Prisoners of War in North Vietnam, have had extensive dealings with COLIFAM:

Copy to [REDACTED] by routing slip for [REDACTED]

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date 8/31/70

by [REDACTED]

telephone: [REDACTED]

California

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cc + encl 910-0 Telephone: [REDACTED]

California

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[REDACTED] 67c  
[REDACTED] address unknown  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] noted that Mrs. [REDACTED] has indicated that she plans to move to [REDACTED] in the Fall of 1970.

Mrs. [REDACTED] further indicated that if she were contacted after 8/20/70 at her home [REDACTED] California, she would provide copies of letters received from COLIFAM, and could supply more detailed information as to their activities from her files there. 62c

Source used in LHM is [REDACTED]

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AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA 62c

Will recontact Mrs. [REDACTED] for further detailed information.

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA 62c

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as directed in relet.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 20, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

On August 14, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c  
was interviewed regarding the above-captioned organization,  
while vacationing near [REDACTED] North Dakota. The results  
of that interview are as follows:

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 20, 1970

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[redacted] Mrs. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] California, was interviewed while visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] located near [redacted] North Dakota. *b2c*

*b2c*

Mrs. [redacted] was advised that an inquiry was being made concerning the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) at the direction of J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General. She stated that her husband is a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam, and, as a result, she has had fairly extensive contact with COLIFAM.

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Mrs. [redacted] estimates that she was first contacted by letter by COLIFAM in approximately the Summer of 1968. She noted that her husband has been a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam since [redacted] 1967. COLIFAM has always contacted her by form letter, with the exception of one telegram, which she received from Dave Dellinger, or possibly Rennie Davis, while visiting with her sister in [redacted] North Dakota, during the Summer of 1969. All letters received from COLIFAM have always enclosed a letter from her husband. The telegram advised her that a letter was forthcoming from her husband. Most of the COLIFAM correspondence has been signed by Barbara Webster, Secretary of the organization. Other communications have been signed by Cora Weiss in the previously mentioned telegram, either Dellinger or Davis were representing COLIFAM. There has never been any personal contact with a representative of COLIFAM. *b2c*

*b2c*

COLIFAM probably originally obtained Mrs. [redacted] name from a list of relatives of Prisoners of War, which is published occasionally. One of the early letters indicated that COLIFAM would willingly accept donations. No pressure has been brought to bear in this regard. Another letter stated that letters from Prisoners of War to their families would probably be coming through COLIFAM in the future and no other way. Mrs. [redacted] conjectures that COLIFAM may use this as a basis to obtain funds in the future. She continued that she does not expect letters to be received from her husband from any other source in the future.

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On 8/14/70 [redacted] North Dakota File # NP 100-15134

SA [redacted] *b2c* 8/19/70

by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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During the first months of 1970, the Air Force contacted Mrs. [REDACTED] and told her that she could send letters to her husband with a Reverend Fernandez for delivery by him. No delivery was guaranteed, and Reverend Fernandez was reportedly connected with the American Friends Service Committee. She later determined that he is also connected with COLIFAM. A list was published by either COLIFAM or the American Friends Service Committee of one hundred and thirty-five names of Prisoners of War being held in North Vietnam. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] California, was on that list. If a man who was believed to be a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam was not included on that list, letters for those individuals were not to be sent with Reverend Fernandez. Mrs. [REDACTED] sent a letter for delivery to her husband with Reverend Fernandez in about April, 1970. b7c

L2C

COLIFAM has never made any statement or reference to their sources of information, other than indicating that the previously mentioned list was obtained from the official Government of the Republic of North Vietnam. Other than Reverend Fernandez, there has been no indication of who the contacts with North Vietnam are, with the exception of a Professor of Zoology from Montana, name unknown, who accompanied Reverend Fernandez in his visit to North Vietnam. In this same connection, Mrs. [REDACTED] recalls that the Air Force has indicated that letters sent to Prisoners of War through official channels should be addressed simply to the Republic of North Vietnam. COLIFAM insists that the words "Via Moscow" be included on the envelope of any such correspondence. Mrs. [REDACTED] mentioned that Madelyn Duckles and Rennie Davis, both representing COLIFAM, spoke in [REDACTED] during the past year, however, Mrs. [REDACTED] did not attend. b7c

Other wives of Prisoners of War who have had as much, if not more, contact with COLIFAM than has Mrs. [REDACTED] are as follows:

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California b7c

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] California  
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California, address unknown  
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c has corresponded with Barbara Webster and has had personal conversations with Madelyn Duckles in [REDACTED] California. Duckles brought her a letter from her husband when she visited [REDACTED] before Christmas, 1969. Mrs. [REDACTED] has indicated that she is going to move to [REDACTED] in the Fall of 1970.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she does not approve of COLIFAM's activities, but she feels that she must deal with them in order to get any word at all concerning her husband. She, along with the rest of the wives of Prisoners of War that she knows, do not like to deal with COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she will be more than willing to cooperate, should her testimony be needed at a later date regarding this matter.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] states that she has letters received from COLIFAM at her home in [REDACTED]. She will make them available so that copies may be made, if desired. She further notes that she would have Reverend Fernandez' address, which she will make available in [REDACTED] along with other detailed information that she may have overlooked at this time. She did state that an early address that she has for Dave Dellinger, in connection with COLIFAM, is Liberation, 5 Beckman Street, New York, New York 10038.

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**

Dave Dellinger  
Rennie Davis  
Barbara Webster  
Cora Weiss  
Reverend Richard Fernandez

Cora Weiss and David Dellinger serve as Co-chairman of the COLIFAM.

**David Dellinger**

A characterization of David Dellinger is contained in the characterization of "Liberation" Magazine which is attached hereto. In addition, on February 18, 1970, David Dellinger was found guilty in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the state of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. On February 20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000. On February 28, 1970, the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, ordered them released on \$25,000 bond each pending appeals of their convictions.

**Cora Weiss**

In March, 1956, a source advised that Weiss, then Cora Rubin, while attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, was present at a public meeting sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**

**Rennie Davis**

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**Reverend Richard Fernandez**

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Organization Director of the Clergy and Laymen  
Concerned About Vietnam.

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**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**

**Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

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LIBERATION MAGAZINE:**

"Liberation" Magazine (LM) is self-described as an independent monthly with offices at 139 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. A "Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation" was published in the November, 1963 issue. It listed the Publisher and Editor of the magazine as DAVE DELLINGER. The circulation was given as 10,000.

The following comments appeared in a leaflet distributed by LM in May, 1968:

"Since its inception in 1956, Liberation has played an active and creative role in the growth of the new radicalism in the United States. From civil rights to black liberation, from 'ban the bomb' to the movement to end the war in Vietnam, Liberation has been vital. Its radical critique of American society and its emphasis on democratic and direct action against the inequalities and injustice of our present social structure have inspired radicals, young and old."

"In addition, Liberation will continue to carry articles and discussions written by and to community organizers, student and non-student activists, educators, economists and social scientists - of interest to anybody concerned with building a radical and nonviolent movement that will bring a fundamental change to the existing order."

On May 14, 1968, a source advised that during a speech in New York, New York on May 10, 1968, DAVE DELLINGER identified himself as a Communist. He stated it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which was Capitalism. He advocated a Communist society and said, "I am a Communist," but further stated he was not a Soviet type Communist.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 8/19/70

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (100-1595) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, dated 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM."

Enclosed for New York are two copies of above mentioned LHM.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed in this case were advised that investigation was being conducted at the request of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, USDJ.

## LEADS:

## NEW YORK DIVISION

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will advise Jackson Division if families of other servicemen contacted by COLIFAM, in the Jackson Division, as set out in FD-302 in enclosed LHM, should be interviewed by the Jackson Division.

Investigation at [REDACTED] Mississippi, on July 20, 1970, was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

August 19, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

The following is an FD-302 reflecting interview  
of Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Mississippi, whose husband, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] United States Air Force, Serial Number  
[REDACTED] has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since  
1965, having been shot down over North Vietnam  
Zone D.

For information, Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c  
stated that she would  
be willing to testify at a later date concerning her contact  
with COLIFAM.

7-23-93-980 [REDACTED] b7c  
E.O. 12812 POW/MIA

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Date 8/14/70

Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). b7c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband, who is a [REDACTED] in the United States Air Force, has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since [REDACTED] 1965, having been shot down over North Vietnam in Zone D. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she found out her husband was a prisoner of war in August, 1965, when she received her first letter from her husband. She advised that the first letter was postmarked London, England, and it was her indication that an English female diplomat went into Hanoi, picked up letters from prisoners of war and mailed the letter to her, addressed to [REDACTED] Mississippi. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she has received a total of 14 letters from her husband since that date, commenting that the last two letters arrived through COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] further commented that she has never written to her husband through COLIFAM and as of the present time, refuses to do so inasmuch as she does not think that her husband would want to receive letters from her through this organization. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that one of the letters containing a letter from her husband had the following return address:

"Sa Jornal Do Brasil AV, Rio Branco 110/112  
Rio de Janiero, Brazil"

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the cover letter, in part, states our journalist, [REDACTED] who has returned from North Vietnam, was the bearer of a letter from her husband. The letter is dated October 8, 1968. b7c

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On 8/4/70 at [REDACTED] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/10/70 b7c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated she received a letter from a Doctor JOSEPH VOLDER, a Quaker, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who had been going in and out of North Vietnam and who was advised by COLIFAM to stay out of North Vietnam, that the North Vietnamese had appointed COLIFAM to handle all letters in and out of North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] made available a letter dated January 27, 1970, from COLIFAM, signed MAGGIE GEDDES, which letter, in part, states, "We assume that by this time you have received a letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our committee." The letter encloses an information sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The letter further states that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month and also prisoners can receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

The letter ends, "The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime, we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families."

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Mrs. [REDACTED] further states that in a letter dated May 4, 1970, from COLIFAM, which letter is a memorandum-type letter from Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ to the families of 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam, concerns information and correspondence with prisoners.

The memorandum states, in part, "On April 20, I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communications between pilots held in detention there and their families here." The letter goes on to state proper form to be used in sending letters to North Vietnam and further states that communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health. The memorandum further states that letters should be addressed "Via Moscow, USSR."

The memorandum states that "While I was in Hanoi, Professor Douglas Bowd, of Cornell University, and I met with three pilots: Commander Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Commander Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach, and Lt. Colonel Edison Miller of Santa Anna, California. The three men were in good health and said they had daily exercise and reading material."

The memorandum further states that "Also, in my discussion with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December, over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of these, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families."

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Mrs. [REDACTED] also made available an information sheet dated January, 1970, on COLIFAM stationery, which sets out functions of the committee. The information sheet sets out the form to be used in directing letters and packages to prisoners in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] also made available a form copy of a letter on COLIFAM stationery, dated April 20, 1970, signed STEVEN E. HALLIWELL, which letter, in part, states, "The Reverend Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter, along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam."

The letter further encloses a blank form to be used in correspondence with prisoners in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] also made available an ink written letter received from DONALD F. COLE, Post Office Box 16130, Jackson, Mississippi, dated January 3, 1970, which letter, in part, states that COLE received information that the name of her husband was released by Hanoi last week as being a prisoner of war. The letter further states that "I pray, as I know that you do, that the war will come to a speedy end, and all prisoners can return back home to private life."

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The letter encloses a copy of "Our Position on Vietnam," and carries the address Peace Coordinating Committee, 1024 Dalton Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 601-352-0262.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that all of her contacts with COLIFAM have been by letter, stating that she has written one letter to COLIFAM thanking them for receiving a letter from her husband. She has just received mail from her husband and has received no packages or personal items.

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Concerning the identities of other prisoner of war (POW) families approached by COLIFAM, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that a [REDACTED] whom she cannot further identify, but who presently lives in [REDACTED] Mississippi, has had personal contact with the committee. She stated that [REDACTED] Mississippi, is her husband and that [REDACTED] family resides in [REDACTED] Mississippi. She further advised that [REDACTED] who also resides in [REDACTED] Mississippi, has a brother who is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam and that [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] who resides somewhere in Florida has been contacted by the committee. *b7c*

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Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that it is her knowledge that all individuals who have received mail through the committee have been contacted by committee members. *b7c*

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that a Mr. [REDACTED] first name unknown, and further unidentifiable, who has a son or husband, [REDACTED] who is a pilot in the Navy and is presently a prisoner of war, has been contacted by the committee.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated it is her opinion that the above mentioned Mrs. [REDACTED] resides in [REDACTED] Mississippi. *b7c*

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Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c stated that she is not familiar with a Mrs. [REDACTED] formerly from [REDACTED] Arizona, and who allegedly has a husband a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c stated that the last letter received from her husband was received with the letter dated April 20, 1970, from STEVEN B. HALLIWELL, mentioned above.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c could furnish no additional information concerning COLIFAM.



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FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

In an effort to identify and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED] Arizona, a Mrs. [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] Mississippi, and the following information obtained:

On July 20, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] Mississippi. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband, [REDACTED] United States Air Force, service number [REDACTED] is presently in Vietnam and she received a letter from him on July 20, 1970, advising her that he was scheduled to return to the United States about September 1, 1970.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she formerly resided at [REDACTED] Arizona, and moved to Stewart, Mississippi, around June 1, 1969.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has never been in contact with a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband went to Vietnam around September 5, 1969. She advised that her husband has not been missing in action, she has not testified before a committee concerning families of missing servicemen, nor did she know of another [REDACTED] wife of a serviceman, who formerly resided in [REDACTED] Arizona.

The following background information concerning Mrs. [REDACTED] was obtained during the interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]

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Parents

Children

South Dakota

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband is presently  
serving with the [REDACTED]  
APO (Army Post Office) [REDACTED] California.

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Date: 8/20/70

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
 FROM: [REDACTED], DALLAS (100-12009) (P)

COLIFAM  
 IS - MISCELLANEOUS;  
 REGISTRATION ACT

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70 and San Antonio letter to Bureau, 7/22/70.

On 8/19/70, [REDACTED] United We Stand, Dallas, Texas, advised that [REDACTED] National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing in Action in South East Asia, 1 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C., can furnish the identities and addresses of all Prisoner of War (POW) whose families who have been contacted by COLIFAM. [REDACTED] states General CHAPPIE JAMES, USAF, Pentagon, Alexandria, Va., can furnish complete information on the location of all POWs who have been released from Hanoi. [REDACTED] has a list of POWs and MIA's (Missing in Action), some several hundred names, which he has obtained through various sources and will make this list available to FBI; however, he states this list is not all inclusive. [REDACTED] states COLIFAM is believed to have corresponded with all known POWs and MIA.

[REDACTED] furnished the following names of POW families in Dallas area with whom he has had close contact, all having had some contact with COLIFAM:

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- 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
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 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Phone [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas, and her husband's parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Phone [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Phone [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas

Phone [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Business [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c

[REDACTED] TEXAS

Phone [REDACTED] b2c

[REDACTED] stated that he has also been in contact with Major FRED NEALE THOMPSON, who was released to Father DANIEL BERRIGAN in February, 1968. He states that Major THOMPSON is now stationed at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas.

On 8/19/70 [REDACTED] United We Stand, Dallas, advised he was in Vientiane, Laos, in December, 1969, [REDACTED] CORA WEISS. b2c

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He stated she had just returned from Hanoi on an ICC plane. She talked about her trip to Hanoi, her stay in a villa there and how well she was treated. [REDACTED] stated that WEISS told him that Hanoi was permitting POWs to communicate with their families and that the letters were going out; however, these letters were being confiscated by the CIA or State Department. [REDACTED] stated, in his opinion, WEISS actually believed this statement to be true. [REDACTED] stated that he asked WEISS if she had brought out any letters from POWs and her reply was no. However, at a press conference in NYC at Christmas, 1969, she said she had brought mail out from the POWs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] known POW, Santa Fe, New Mexico, telephone [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] were in Vientiane, Laos, and had breakfast with CORA WEISS and MADELIENE DUCKLES, seeking information concerning their husbands; however, no information was believed to have been obtained. [REDACTED] stated Mrs. [REDACTED] can be contacted through her sister, Mrs. [REDACTED] Washington, D. C. phone [REDACTED] He stated b2c that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] in Washington.

[REDACTED] stated that he was in Stockholm, Sweden, 8/9/70 and talked with a man named (FNU) GWIA at the North Vietnam Embassy. He stated this man told him to return to the United States and contact CORA WEISS, and through her he could get in contact with Hanoi. He stated that he has a tape recording of a telephone call to the Embassy in which the Secretary advised him that he had been instructed to return to the United States and contact CORA WEISS.

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ALEXANDRIA

AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA: Will contact General CHAPPIE JAMES, Pentagon, for information on location of all POWs who have been released by Hanoi, and any other pertinent information he may be able to furnish.

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67C AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Will contact [REDACTED] National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing in Action in South East Asia, for complete information concerning the names and addresses of all POWs known to have been contacted by COLIFAM.

(2) Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning her contact with CORA WEISS in Vientiane, Laos, in December, 1969, noting that she can be contacted through her sister, Mrs. [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] b7c

ALBUQUERQUE b7c

AT [REDACTED] NEW MEXICO: Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] for any information she may have concerning her contact with CORA WEISS in Vientiane, Laos, in December, 1969. b7c

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Will interview [REDACTED] for any pertinent information he may be able to furnish concerning [REDACTED] b7c

DALLAS

AT [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] TEXAS: Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] Texas; Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED] Texas,  
phone [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] business  
address [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] for any information they may have  
concerning contacts with COLIFAM. If the individual interviewed  
is willing to cooperate and the information is pertinent, it  
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Date: 8/19/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-52075) (P)

POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM  
BY ANTHONY AVIRGAN, PHIL LAWSON, AND  
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Enclosed for the Bureau and Philadelphia are  
five copies each of an LHM concerning ANTHONY AVIRGAN.

Also enclosed for the Bureau and Philadelphia  
are five copies each of an LHM concerning MARTHA WESTOVER.

One passport photograph of **b7c** is enclosed  
for Philadelphia.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will review the passport  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7c</b>	TYP <b>b7c</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/30/70  
At San Diego.

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED] b2c

Office: SAN DIEGO

Date:

AUGUST 19, 1970

Field Office File #: SAN DIEGO 105-7282

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Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;  
REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

Mrs. [REDACTED], interviewed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California on 8/18/70 advised that she has received  
one letter from COLIFAM on 1/28/70, enclosing their "informa-  
tion sheet" and that she has talked with CORA WEISS and  
STEWART MEACHAM telephonically.

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DETAILS: AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

2-23-93-98038 [REDACTED] b2c  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 19, 1970

**Mrs. [REDACTED] California, advised that her husband is a Navy pilot currently imprisoned in North Vietnam.**

**Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that about January 1, 1970, she was telephonically advised by a representative of the Navy Department that some letters to families of captured Navy pilots have been mailed from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and that among those letters was one mailed from her husband to her. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that after failing to receive that letter in about a month, some time in February, she telephoned CORA WEISS, Co-Chairman, Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, at New York City.**

**Mrs. WEISS became very belligerent on the telephone and asked Mrs. [REDACTED] how she knew her husband was a prisoner of war and how she knew that a letter had been written by him to her. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she then became angry and hung up the telephone.**

**Shortly after that conversation with CORA WEISS, Mrs. [REDACTED] received the letter dated January 28, 1970, from COLIPAM signed "MAGGIE SHEDS", enclosing the Committee's "Information Sheet" dated January 1970 and a form for writing letters to her husband.**

**Around the same period of time, exact date not recalled, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a telephone call from COLIPAM Committee member BERNARD NEACHAN, who, in a very courteous manner, apologized that the letter from her husband had become misrouted or lost and assured her that the letter would be found and forwarded to her.**

**Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after the conversation with NEACHAN, she received the letter from her husband which**

On 8/18/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SD 105-7282

by SAS [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/19/70

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had been lost.

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Mrs [REDACTED] furnished COLIFAN letter of January 28, 1970 together with enclosed "Information Sheet" and form for writing letters to her husband which are herein after set out in detail as follows:



# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam**

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

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\*staff

January 28, 1970

E.O. 12812-2  
MRS. [REDACTED] b7c

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] Va [REDACTED] b7c

Though we certainly hope that you have received the letter sent to you from North Vietnam by the time this reaches you, we understand that there has been trouble with its delivery. The letter has not been returned to this office (its return address), and Stewart Meacham in Philadelphia is still checking through the post office there.

While we are attempting to find out what the difficulty is, we thought we should send you our Information Sheet so that you might know what the Committee of Liaison is.

As noted in the Sheet, letters will be periodically sent from North Vietnam to families in this country. The families will be able to send letters once a month (note the mail address on the Sheet), and packages once every other month if they don't weigh more than 6 pounds. We are also enclosing a letter form which you may wish to use in writing back to your husband, once you do receive his letter.

Again, we hope that you have heard or will hear soon, and understand the frustration this must have caused your family.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

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### INFORMATION SHEET

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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate the basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. In the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

#### Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman  
serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots  
Captured in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

#### Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

## Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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**SỐ LÍNH (Service number):**

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**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA**

**VIA MOSCOW, USSR** (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

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**GỬI (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

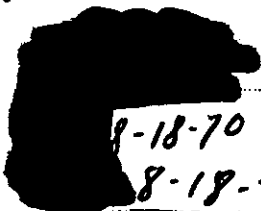
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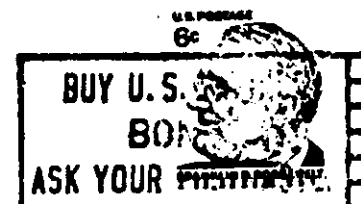
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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
365 West 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10036



Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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TO DIRECTOR

ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK 100-168469

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM, OO- NEW YORK.

IT WAS DETERMINED THIS DATE BY PRETEXT TELEPHONE  
CALL THAT COLIFAM IS NO LONGER OPERATING AT THREE SIX FIVE WEST  
FORTY SECOND SREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. IT WAS DETERMINED  
THAT COLIFAM HAS SET UP ITS HEADQUARTERS AT THE HOME OF CORA  
WEISS, FIFTY TWENTY TWO WALDO AVE., RIVERDALE, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AND  
ADVISE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] MADE THE PRETEXT  
TELEPHONE CALL. LOCAL AGENCIES ADVISED.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7938) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
 SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
 (COLIFAM)  
 IS - MISC.  
 REGISTRATION ACT  
 OO: NEW YORK

Re Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau, 8/11/70, no copy  
 to Sacramento.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies,  
 two copies for New York, and two copies for Sacramento, of LHM  
 concerning interview of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Oklahoma.

Also enclosed for Sacramento is one copy of New  
 York airtel to Bureau, 6/9/70, containing instructions in this  
 matter.

For the information of Sacramento, investigation set  
 out in re Oklahoma City airtel, 7/1/70, identifies THOMAS SHAW  
 PYLE II, FV3103812, Cordell, Oklahoma, as a prisoner in North  
 Vietnam.

Reairtel set out a lead to interview Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 at [REDACTED] Oklahoma. On 7/1/70, there appeared in the  
 Cordell Beacon, which is published in Cordell, Oklahoma, an  
 article indicating that [REDACTED] was visiting in California and  
 would return around the end of the month (July).

On 8/12/70, inquiry at the home of Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 disclosed the home was unoccupied, and  
 subsequent neighborhood inquiry located [REDACTED]  
 and results of contact with him are set out in enclosed LHM.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. - 11) (RM)  
 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)  
 2 - Sacramento (Enc. - 3) (RM)  
 2 - Oklahoma City

Approved: [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge

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AGENCY: ACST, ONI, OSI, SEC.  
 DATE FORW: 8-20-70  
 HOW FORW: [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] RAO, X-0

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LEAD:

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

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AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. Endeavor to interview Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with the enclosed New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70, and submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

*E.O. 12812-2*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 13, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

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7-23-93 9803 [REDACTED] b7c  
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ENCLOSURE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

8/13/70

Date *b7c*

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[redacted] Oklahoma, advised that [redacted] lives at [redacted] is adjacent to the rear of his home. He advised that for approximately six months, Mrs. [redacted] has been living with a friend at [redacted] California, and that she returned to Oklahoma about two weeks ago for a brief visit before returning to California. As of August 12, 1970, she was visiting an aunt in [redacted] Oklahoma, who was extremely ill, and [redacted] said it would be undesirable to attempt to talk to [redacted] at [redacted]. He said she would depart Oklahoma August 12 or August 13, 1970, and return to the [redacted] address where she will remain three or more weeks. After that time, she will return to [redacted] and resume residence at [redacted] *b7c*

[redacted] said he does not know the name of the organization, but he knows that [redacted] whose husband is a prisoner in North Vietnam, has had contact with an organization from the area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. [redacted] talked at length with [redacted] about this organization, and he suggested she not have anything to do with them in regard to getting information to and from her husband.

Her first contact from the organization was in the form of an envelope which enclosed a short note and the envelope from her husband. The originals of these documents were sent by Mrs. [redacted] to the United States Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. To [redacted] knowledge, there was no cover letter from the organization. *b7c*

She later received a second letter from her husband through the organization, and the original has also been sent to Randolph Air Force Base.

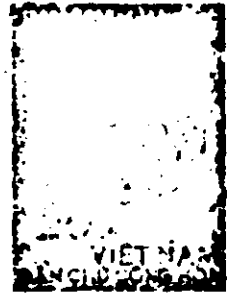
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[redacted] believes Mrs. [redacted] has taken his advice and has not corresponded with the organization direct.

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[redacted] furnished photostatic copies of the first note and envelope which Mrs. [redacted] received, and also of the second letter and address sheet, which are as follows:

On 8/12/70 at [redacted] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938  
by SA [redacted] *b7c* Date dictated 8/12/70

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*Confidential*  
U.S. pilot captured in the  
Democratic Republic of Vietnam



Mrs. [redacted]

Oklahoma

U.S.A.

My love to you this  
holiday season. Keep faith

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Dearest [REDACTED] - Hope all is well with you  
and both our families. Buy something spec-  
ial for party on his birthday. Write a ten  
column format like this and send snap-  
shots. Don't send cigars. Send vitamin  
pills and food. Love

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated): 1-9 April 1970

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NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

[REDACTED]

SỐ LĨNH (Service number): 7 7 5 1 0 3 9 1 2

NGÀY VÀ NƠI SINH (Date & place of birth):

[REDACTED]

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

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in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

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GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

[REDACTED]

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

[REDACTED]

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TO SAC DALLAS (100-12009)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-457899) - 87

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM; IS - MISCELLANEOUS (REGISTRATION ACT).

REDTEL AUGUST TWENTY, INSTANT.

THERE APPEARS TO BE NO APPROPRIATE REASON FOR YOU TO INTER-  
VIEW ~~ROBERT E. BROWN~~ FORMER POW WHO WAS RELEASED TO RENNIE  
DAVIS IN AUGUST, SIXTYNINE. THERE IS NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, FOR  
YOU TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ~~REDACTED~~  
OF UNITED WE STAND. ANY SUCH INFORMATION FURNISHED ~~REDACTED~~  
SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

COPY TO NEW YORK, MINNEAPOLIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE BY

MAIL.

1 NEW YORK (100-168469)  
1 MINNEAPOLIS  
1 WFO

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OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
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[REDACTED] United We Stand, an organization founded in Dallas, Texas, by prominent financier H. Ross Perot. The purpose of this organization is to motivate American people to take a stand on problems facing the United States and to seek a release of POW's in North Vietnam through cooperation with POW families and the United States State Department. Inasmuch as COLIFAM was organized six months after Hegdahl's release by the North Vietnamese, it is doubtful he could furnish any information of pertinence to this investigation. Dallas should, however, take advantage of any information of other interest to the Bureau [REDACTED]

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NR00) DL PLAIN

11:13AM URGENT 8-20-70 GFL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

NEW YORK (100-168469)

MINNEAPOLIS

WFO

FROM: DALLAS (100-12009) 2P

COLIFAM, IS - MISC; RA. OO NEW YORK

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU, JUNE NINE, SEVENTY.

UNITED WE STAND, DALLAS, TEX.,

ADVISED AUG. NINETEEN LAST THAT DOUGLAS B. HEGDAHL OF CLARK,

SOUTH DAKOTA, RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM USN, AND A FORMER POW

WHO WAS RELEASED TO RENNIE DAVIS IN AUG. SIXTYNINE, IS TO BE

IN DALLAS AUG. TWENTYFOUR NEXT FOR A CONFERENCE. INFO RE

HEGDAHL SET FORTH ON PAGE NINE OF RE LHM.

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[REDACTED] COOPERATIVE AND HAS OFFERED TO MAKE HEGDAHL AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW OR WILL FURNISH FBI RESULTS OF HIS CONFERENCE.

[REDACTED] STATES UNITED WE STAND WAS ORGANIZED BY H. ROSS PEROT, DALLAS FINANCEER, FOR PURPOSE OF MOTIVATING AMERICAN PEOPLE TO TAKE A STAND ON PROBLEMS FACING U.S. AND TO SEEK RELEASE OF POWS IN NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH COOPERATION WITH POW FAMILIES AND U.S. STATE DEPT.

DALLAS PROPOSES TO INTERVIEW HEGDAHL, UACB, OR RECEIVING OFFICIES.

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END

DRL FBI WASH DC

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Date: 8/19/70

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-50739) (RUC)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO:NY)

Re NY airtel and LHM to Bureau 8/9/70, LAlet and  
LHM to Bureau dated 7/13/70 and WFO airtel and LHM to Bureau  
dated 8/7/70.

Enclosed for the New York Division is one copy of a  
reprint of an article entitled "The Forgotten Americans of the

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9)  
4 - Los Angeles (Enc. 4) (RM)  
3 - Newark (Enc. 3) (RM)  
8 - New York (Enc. 13) (RM)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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